

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #255 Blessed Assurance

Sun: #234 Wonderful Words of Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are pleased to welcome brother Eric Floyd to San Diego this weekend. Eric is visiting from Hurricane Road Grace Church in Ashland, Kentucky where brother Frank Tate is pastor. We will be serving dinner after the meeting tonight, all are welcome to stay for some good food and fellowship. Tomorrow we will meet at our regular time beginning at 9:30 AM for our bible class lesson.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: **Luke 24:13-32**

Sun: **John 15:16-27**

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #309 Beneath The Cross of Jesus

Sun: #354 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” *2 Cor 9:7*

WORSHIP HYMN

Sun: #127 Hallelujah, What a Savior

MESSAGE

SAT - THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH ACTS 8:29-40

SUN - THE WAY THEY CALL HERESY ACTS 24:1-14

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #127 He Hideth My Soul

Sun: #449 To God Be the Glory

THINGS TO PONDER

There is no greater proof of the natural man's hatred of Christ and the Gospel than his prideful attempt to promote his own personal righteousness as a means of salvation.

-Pastor David Eddmenson

Vanity of Things

“And the devil, taking Him (Christ) up into an high mountain, shewed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto Him, ‘All this power will I give thee and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.’ ” Luke 4:5-7

We cannot fully understand what power has been given to Satan by our Lord, yet the Lord does not dispute what he says here. Apparently it is somewhat in the power of the devil to bestow material things upon some. These things are what he uses to take us captive and worship him, the god of riches, possession, things. And these things, the things of the world, are what most people strive for and live for; perishing things, which consume us and make us idolaters, which leads to our destruction.

We are warned “love not the world nor the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” And since most of us have many things, we are again warned, “If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.” Therefore, it is not necessarily a blessing of God to have an abundance of things.

Oh that we could see things as they are; see things as the Lord sees them and was not in the least tempted by them. It is significant that these things were viewed from “an high mountain.” Perhaps that is how we need to view things.

If you have ever traveled by airplane then you have been afforded a ‘bird’s-eye-view’ of things. You have seen things the way our Lord saw them . . . the way we should view them. I recently flew a long way over many different states, in which were all manner of things to be seen. Way down there I saw all the things that people love and live for. There were houses by the sea, which looked like little cottages which could be so easily swept away by the ocean which came so precariously close. There were farms with animals grazing, where the finest horse could not be distinguished from a mule. There were huge playgrounds and sporting fields, where everyone looked like little ants scurrying around needlessly, and aimlessly. There were little automobiles running around everywhere, each looking no different than another; all looking like little toys. I saw anything and everything which human beings live and die for, all of which looked so insignificant and fragile from on high.

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” “For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (Col.3:2, II Cor.4:18)

-Pastor Paul Mahan

Spiritual Blindness

Those passages of Scripture wherein the Gospel-truth is compared to LIGHT lead to this familiar illustration. Men by nature are stark blind with respect to this LIGHT; by grace the eyes of the understanding are opened. Among a number of blind men, some may be more ingenious and of better capacity than others. They may be better qualified for such studies and employments which do not require eyesight than many who can see, and may attain to considerable skill in them; but with respect to the true nature of light and colors, they are all exactly upon a level. A blind man, if ingenious and inquisitive, may learn to talk about the LIGHT, the sun, or the rainbow, in terms borrowed from those who have seen them; but it is impossible that he can have (I mean a man born blind) a just idea of either; and whatever hearsay-knowledge he may have acquired, he can hardly talk much upon these subjects without betraying his real ignorance. The case of one mentioned by Mr. Locke has been often quoted. He believed, that after much inquiry and reflection, he had at last found out what scarlet was; and being asked to explain himself, "I think," says he, "scarlet is something like the sound of a trumpet." This man had about the same knowledge of natural light as Nicodemus had of spiritual. Nor can all the learning or study in the world enable any person to form a suitable judgment of divine truth, till the eyes of his mind are opened and then he will perceive it at once.

Neither education, endeavors, nor arguments, can open the eyes of the blind. It is God alone, who at first caused light to shine out of darkness, who can shine into our hearts, "to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

John Newton 1725-1807

As Far as the East is from the West

If there were some precise point of distance from the East to the West, it must follow that there is some place where our sins may be found (Psalm 103:12), they are not really taken away, they may yet be found by God and charged to us, Christ is a failure, redemption is a hoax, and the gospel we preach is a delusion.

Rejoice, O my soul, rejoice! There is no place where my sins are found. The Lord Jesus Christ purged them, removed them, took them all away. Children of God, rejoice! Your Savior's precious blood washed away our sins. Jehovah has cast them behind his back. He who knows all things and forgets nothing has forgotten them forever. And in that great day when he searches the books, they shall not be found (Jeremiah 50:20).

-Pastor Don Fortner

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10:30 AM Morning Worship Service

Wednesday 6:30 PM Mid-week Worship Service

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"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev 22:17



"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1Cor 8:6